

Claims 1-14 were issued in the original patent upon which the parent reissue application of the present divisional reissue case is based. In the 16 November Preliminary Amendment filed with the present divisional reissue application, Claims 1-14 were intended to be deleted, and new Claims 15-27 were submitted which are substantially identical to Claims 37-49 that were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer from the parent reissue application. Due solely to a clerical error, the 16 November Preliminary Amendment indicated "delete Claims 37-49" instead of "delete Claims 1-14." The intent to cancel original Claims 1-14 is obvious in the section "STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES," which states "Claims 1-14 have been deleted herein...." Therefore, Applicant submits this Clarifying Preliminary Amendment to correct the typographical error in the 16 November Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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